POSSIBILITY OF SPLIT OF INDIAN CONTINENT

3267. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent predictions of a Scientist of the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology that Indian Sub-Continent is likely to split due to a liner fracture developing all along the Delhi—Haridwar harsil ridge (DHH);

(b) if so, whether any Scientific analysis have been made by Government with regard to the prediction; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Delhi-Haridwar ridge is a well established geological feature, Considerable data have been collected by different organisations/research institutions. These data indicate the possibility of Delhi-Haridwar ridge extending north eastward below the Garhwal Himalaya. Some of the seismic activity noted in the Himalaya may be related to this postulated extension of the ridge. However, the investigations do not suggest any active splitting taking place in the Indian Sub-continent along this sub-surface feature.

TRAINING OF PEOPLE UNDER MEGSAT SCHEME IN THE INSTITUTES OF ORISSA

3268. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of institutions in Orissa which are being engaged by Government to train people under the MEGSAT Scheme and the number of persons trained by each of them so far, yearwise;

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to equip at least one such institution having training facility in several fields, in all the (recognised) revenue districts of Orissa; and

(c) what are the facilities available for private institutions for imparting training facilities in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) In Orissa, so far, 2 organisations have been engaged for conducting training programmes under the MEGSAT scheme. Those are : (1) Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (STEDS), Balasore and (2) Regional Engineering College (REC) Rourkela. The break-up of the no. of persons trained is :

Training Organisations	No. of Persons trained in			
	90-91	91-92	92-93	Total
STEDS	160	121	395	676
REC	93	—	—	93
Total	253	121	395	769

(b) The MEGSAT Scheme is being implemented through existing training institutions and by utilising the expertise and facilities available in academic and research institutions. As such, it is not proposed to set up or equip any institution for this purpose.

(c) Under the Scheme, private institutions e.g. voluntary agencies and non governmental organisations having past experience in related fields can be considered for providing financial assistance to meet the cost of training only.

TWENTY YEAR OLD PREDICTION ON RECENT EARTHQUAKE

3269. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that two geophysicist Shri N. G. Neogi and N. Krishna Brahman had predicted 20 years ago that an earthquake would occur in the fault zone of the Kurduwadi rift valley beneath the Deccan traps along which the epicentre of the recent earthquake laid;

(b) whether the villagers of affected villages had requested the authorities in 1992 to take steps as during that year they had felt quake shocks very often;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the authorities in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Dr. J. Negi and Dr. N. Krishna Brahman in their note published in 1973 postulated the existence of a rift near Kuruduwadi extending from northwest to southeast epicentre of the Latur earthquake on 30-9-93 was, however, more than 100 km. northeast of Kuruduwadi rift as postulated by them. It will, therefore, not be scientifically convincing to say that the Latur earthquake was due to this geological feature near Kuruduwadi.

(b) India Meteorological Department, on the request of Maharashtra Government, a Senior Seismologist was sent to Latur for field Survey in October, 1992.

(c) After the occurrence of earthquake of 18th October, 1992 field parties were sent to Latur by GSI and IMD for survey.

(d) After the survey, a report was sent to the Government of Maharashtra, giving the scientific assessment of seismicity of the area and past history of earthquakes in the region.

मेघालय में यूरेनियम के भंडार

3270. श्री शारदा मुद्गली :

श्री सोमपाल :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 3 सितम्बर 1993 के "राष्ट्रीय सहारा, दिल्ली" में "मेघालय में कच्चा यूरेनियम उत्खनन का विरोध राजनीति से प्रेरित" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर आकर्षित किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वहां यूरेनियम का कितना भंडार उपलब्ध होने का अनुमान है;

(ग) अब तक निकाले गये यूरेनियम की कुल मात्रा कितनी है;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि उत्खनन कार्य में कुछ विदेशी कामगारों को भी काम में लगाया जा रहा है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उनकी संख्या कितनी है तथा इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग और अंतरिक्ष विभाग में राज्य मंत्री तथा विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री भुवनेश चतुर्वेदी) :